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**INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2000-4**

**DATE:** March 30, 2000

**TO:** ALL HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATORS

**FROM:** LORETTA TODD, R.N., Interim Chief  
Bureau of Facility Standards

**SUBJECT:** **CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION: ORGAN, TISSUE, AND EYE  
PROCUREMENT - REGULATIONS AND INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINES**

On June 22, 1998, a new requirement was added to the hospital Conditions of Participation (CoP). This requirement addresses the requirements related to organ, tissue, and eye procurement (42 CFR 482.45). Due to the complexity of implementing the new CoP, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) delayed enforcement of the new CoP for approximately one (1) year. Thus, compliance for this CoP has been reviewed on recent hospital recertification surveys. In addition, on March 22, 2000, this office received instructions from HCFA to survey for this new CoP on any accredited or non-accredited hospital complaint survey.

The enclosed document includes the regulations and interpretive guidelines for the CoP to assist you toward compliance. I hope this information will be useful to you.

Should you have any questions regarding the enclosed information, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Non-Long Term Care Supervisor at (208) 334-6626 or via e-mail at [creswsa@mmis.state.id.us](mailto:creswsa@mmis.state.id.us).

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